



DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ken Williams
Councillor Leslie Anderson
Councillor Ann Baird
Councillor Gord Baird
Councillor Marcie McLean
Councillor Rose Stanton

ABSENT
Councillor Karel Roessingh

IN ATTENDANCE:

Corporate Officer Tina Neurauter
Planner Laura Beckett
Building Inspector Chris Leek
Fire Chief Dean Ford

Public in Attendance 19

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 261-2019

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Anderson
That the agenda be approved as amended: Add under Section 2 – Petitions and Delegations: Scott Richardson. **CARRIED**

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

2.1

The Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal Award – Stewart Bender

Mayor Williams presented Stewart Bender with the Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal Award for 20 years of service to the Highlands Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Williams read the following statement:

The Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal, created on August 29, 1985, honours members of a recognized Canadian fire service who have completed 20 years of service, ten years of which have been served in the performance of duties involving potential risks, and were employed on or after the date of creation of the Medal.

Exemplary service is characterized by good conduct, industry and efficiency.

Stew Bender demonstrated this character while serving as a member of the Highlands Fire Department from April 1999 to August 2019, Stew has been awarded this medal by the Chancellery of Honours in Ottawa on behalf of the Governor General.

In his time with the department, Stew has served as a Lieutenant, Senior driving instructor, and most importantly as a mentor for the departments new members.

Stew is now the 3rd member of the Highlands Fire department to receive this award

Unfortunately Stew has recently moved out of the Highlands, and we are saddened to see his experience and expertise leaving with him. BUT we truly appreciate the knowledge and commitment to the fire services that he leaves with the members who have had the pleasure of working with Stew over his 20 years in the department,

Thank you and Congratulations Stew!

Jason Schuttinga, Assistant Fire Chief, then presented Mr. Bender with his signed fire fighter's helmet.

- 2.2 Scott Richardson, Highlands resident, address Council regarding three items. The first item was Millstream Meadows; Mr. Richardson encourages the District and the CRD to have open dialogue regarding the reclamation project and would like the public to be included in the process as well. His suggestion would be a Committee of the Whole meeting with neighbouring property owners being invited. The second item was the recent FOI response from the Province in respect to the OK Industries Open House. He encourages the District to post the response on the District website. The third item is the upcoming Highlands Fling which will be held on Saturday, September 7. He encourages all to attend.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1

MOTION: 262-2019

RE: COUNCIL – August 12, 2019

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Anderson

That the Council minutes of August 12, 2019 be adopted as amended:

mover and seconder on motion 257/2019 be changed to "*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton.*"

CARRIED

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Councillor Leslie Anderson

Councillor Anderson acknowledged the recent work of the Heritage Select Committee with regard to the lime kiln project.

Councillor Ann Baird

CRD Climate Action Committee and CRD Housing Trust Fund Commission

Councillor Gord Baird

Regional Vegetation Management Strategy – Highlands has mailed out letters to interested municipalities informing of proposed next steps and asking for comments.

Councillor Marcie McLean

Coexisting with Carnivores Alliance, Greater Victoria Family Court Youth Justice Committee, Intermunicipal Advisory Committee on Disability Issues and Sustainable Land Use Select Committee

Councillor Karel Roessingh

Capital Region Emergency Services Telecommunications, CRD Arts and Greater Victoria Public Library Board

Councillor Rose Stanton

Emergency Planning and Social Sustainability Select Committee

Mayor Williams

Wednesday, August 14, 2019 CRD Board Meeting

The CRD Board approved a motion submitted by Directors Taylor, Mercereau and Holman that staff be directed to report back with options and implications for creating a model bylaw to ban single use expanded polystyrene waste items including cups and containers.

The CRD Board also approved a motion for staff to report back on financial implications, potential partnerships, and feasibility of mapping sunken vessels in nearby waterways. Compliance and enforcement have been stepped up in Thetis Lake Park after incidents of alcohol consumption and poor behaviour had been reported to staff.

Tuesday, August 27, 2019 West Shore Health Meeting

As I reported in the newsletter, the Western Communities' mayors plus Esquimalt's mayor met with the South Island Collaborative Services Committee (partners for Better Health) to discuss ways to engage the public to help create a Primary Care Network. The shortage of family doctors is acute with over 80,000 unattached patients at present in West Shore.

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS****7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7.1

MOTION: 263-2019

Report – L. Beckett, Planner

RE: DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT – DVP-05-19*Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Stanton*

That Council issue DVP-05-19.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS ANN AND GORD BAIRD

7.2

MOTION: 264-2019**RE: CRD STAFF REPORT: AMENDMENT TO MILLSTREAM MEADOWS CAPITAL PLAN***Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird*

That all CRD staff reports received by District staff regarding contamination and remediation at Millstream Meadows be brought forward to Council for information.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1

Correspondence – K. Gilbert, VI South Film & Media Commission

RE: APPRECIATION FOR GRANT IN AID

8.2

MOTION: 265-2019

Correspondence – T. Faganello, Ministry of Municipal Affairs

RE: CORPORATE CARBON NEUTRALITY - 2018*Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Anderson*

That the above correspondence from Vancouver Island South Film & Media Commission and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs be received.

CARRIED

8.3

MOTION: 266-2019

Correspondence – N. Ottosen, The Backpack Project

RE: CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN*Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Stanton*

That Council support the initiative from the Backpack Project.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS**10. NEW BUSINESS**

10.1

MOTION: 267-2019

Report – Planner

RE: CRD REQUEST FOR WELL DRILLING AND ACCESS*Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Stanton*

That Council authorize the Corporate Officer, on behalf of the District, to enter into an agreement with the CRD for access and use of land at 1980 Millstream Road in relation to the remediation of 1965 Millstream Road as required by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

CARRIED

10.2

MOTION: 268-2019

Report – Corporate Officer

RE: COMMUNITY HALL RENTAL WAIVER REQUEST*Moved Councillor Ann Baird, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird*

That Council approve the rental waiver for a half day rental by the Highland District Community Association for a community meeting on September 30, 2019 from 6pm to 10pm with all fees being waived.

CARRIED

11. IN CAMERA

12. RISE AND REPORT

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 269-2019

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Anderson
That the Council meeting of September 3, 2019 adjourn at 7:50 PM.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

ADOPTED - September 16, 2019